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LB 562, 867

SENATOR BARNETT: I'll be very happy to check it out for you to see what we can do, Murph.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Reutzel, I was wondering if you would, I don't want to delay your bill at all. I wondered if you would be acceptable to an amendment whereby we limit this to mileage, say two hundred and fifty miles and my point is this. If you're being prosecuted in say Falls City, Nebraska, you could go to Sioux County, a distance of approximately five hundred and fifty miles while if you were in Kearney, Nebraska, the furthest you could get away would be something like two hundred fifty, three hundred miles. Would you be acceptable to an amendment on Select File like this or do you want it from one corner to the other?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator Nichol, if you want to try that on Select File, fine. I don't know that there's a great deal of need for that. We discussed it before in committee. It's up to the judge to determine where that's going to go. If you want to try it, fine. I don't particularly support it. We talked about that before and I appreciate the fact that you didn't try that in committee.

SENATOR NICHOL: But, my only point is, Senator Reutzel, that in many cases I feel that, and there's others feel this way too that in some cases the attorneys are more dominant than perhaps some of the judges are and they could influence them to make it a long ways away. I'll try it on Select File.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of the bill. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. We go to LB 867.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 867 was a bill introduced by Senator Steve Fowler of the twenty seventh district. (Read title to LB 867.) The bill was read on January 16th of this year. It was referred to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. It was advanced to General File.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: First I'd like to thank the Chairman of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee that heard this bill for picking it as a priority bill. It's fairly simple and straightforward. I don't know that we need a lot of lengthy debate. Either you kind of accept this concept or you don't. What this does is to change the law in the State of Nebraska with regards to Sunday horse racing. Now you may remember a few years ago we legalized Sunday horse racing with Senator Murphy's bill but the conditions on it were that it turned out that it would only be one county that it applied to, or one track and I think that was intentional. It was not an accident, but it dealt with the track up at South Sioux City, the way the law came out and I think it had a requirement for a vote, but we've allowed Sunday horse racing here